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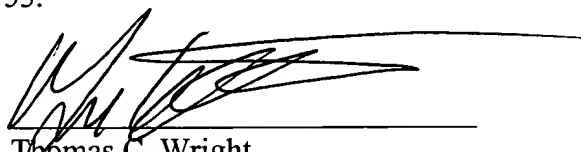
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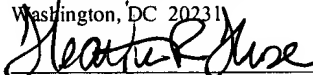
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1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO 1449 with seven (7) references; and
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